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WEATHER REPORT.

Fair tonight and Tuesday:  
warmer, moderate winds.  
High Tides: 4:05 A. M., and  
4:33 P. M.  
Sun rises 6:00; sun sets 6:15.

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## STUART TO NAME CODE REVISERS

Will Appoint Commissioners  
on Panama and Statue  
Presentation.

## GIRLS' HOME BOARD.

Institution Located in Chesterfield  
County Will Shortly Become the  
Property of State.

Richmond, Va., March 23.—While Virginia people have become much interested in the personnel of the tax commission which will probably be announced this week, among lawyers and judges there is scarcely less interest in the forthcoming appointment of a commission for the revision of the Code of Virginia, a work which some regard as of equal importance with the revision of the tax system. In addition there are to be named, as a result of recent legislation, a joint board for the four state female normal schools, a board for the management of the Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls in Chesterfield County, a director for the Legislative Reference Bureau, a commission to present to Great Britain a replica of the Houdon statue of George Washington, and a commission to supervise the Virginia exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

Interim committees from the General Assembly have been announced to represent Virginia at the unveiling of the monument to President John Tyler in Hollywood; to confer with the Maryland authorities in regard to conservation of fish in Chesapeake Bay; to supervise repairs and improvements at the Executive Mansion to confer with West Virginia authorities in regard to preservation of fish in certain streams, and to audit the accounts of officers at the seat of government.

The tax commission is to be made up of four members of the House of Delegates to be named by Speaker Cox, three members of the Senate to be named by Lieut. Governor Elyson, and three citizens to be named by the Governor. There is an appropriation of \$80,000 for expenses of this commission, members of which will receive \$8.33 per day each while in session, with mileage and expenses.

The new normal school board supercedes the present separate boards of each of the four institutions, and to be made up of twelve members named by the Governor, one from each of the ten congressional districts, and two at large.

The Panama Exposition act calls for the appointment by the Governor of three commissioners to have charge of the erection on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco of a suitable building for the State of Virginia, the plan being to make the building a reproduction of Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. The act carries an appropriation of \$50,000. Members of the commission will not be entitled to compensation for their services, but their expenses will be paid.

The act in relation to the presentation of a bronze replica of the Houdon statue of Washington to Great Britain does not specify the size of the commission. An item of \$4,000 is carried in the appropriation bill to defray the cost. The act of 1910, providing for the presentation of a replica of this statue to the republic of France, carried a like appropriation of \$4,000, and provided for the appointment of three commissioners to make the presentation.

assistants and fix their compensation, the act carrying \$5,000 a year for the salaries and expenses of the bureau. The Code revision act has been before every General Assembly for four or five sessions, and has each time until the present session been defeated, not for lack of recognition of the need of revision, but through the fear that incompetent men might be named as revisers. The act safeguards the selection in every possible way, providing that the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia shall nominate ten capable men from whom the governor shall appoint three revisers. The revisers are to receive \$5,000 each for their work, regardless of the length of time it may take, though it is believed that prompt steps will be necessary if the revised Code is to be reported to the General Assembly of 1916. The commissioners are to employ a clerk at \$1,800 per annum.

The act creating the office of State Forester places the office under the appointment of the State Geological commission, composed of the Governor, the president of the University of Virginia, the president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, and one citizen member named by the Governor. The State Forester must have technical training in his profession. The salary is \$2,000 per annum and expenses. The act provides for the appointment of local forest wardens, and gives the new official a great variety of important duties in regard to conservation of forests and prevention of fires. The expenses for the first two years are to be paid out of the budget of the University of Virginia, at which institution the State Forester is to conduct certain courses.

## MORE SNOW SATURDAY NIGHT

Followed by Clear and Seasonable  
Weather Yesterday.

The snowfall which set in Saturday night continued until it had assumed a depth of two inches by yesterday. The weather, however, later became clear and milder, and most of the snow melted under the sun's rays.

Conditions today have been mild and suggestive of early spring. About ten days ago a "weather authority" in Washington predicted six snows before the advent of spring. That of Saturday night was the fourth which has fallen since this forecast was made.

A gradual return to normal spring temperatures, with generally fair skies, during the coming week, was predicted by the Weather Bureau last night for all sections of the country east of the Rocky Mountains.

"There will be frosts the first part of the week, however," said the bulletin, "in the East Gulf and South Atlantic States, except Southern Florida. West of the Rocky Mountains fair weather and normal temperatures are probable during the week."

"There is nothing to indicate marked storm activity over the country during the week. A disturbance of moderate intensity will appear in the Northwest Wednesday or Thursday, cross the Middle West about Friday and the Eastern States near the end of the week; this disturbance will be attended by local areas of precipitation and be followed by a change to cooler weather in the Northern States east of the Rocky Mountains."

## DEAD MOTHER HIS ACCUSER...

Youth Confesses Forgery, Saying She  
Haunted His Dreams.

Denver, March 23.—A vision of his dead mother, who pointed an accusing finger at him in his dreams, was responsible for Phillip F. Perna, 18 years old, surrendering himself to the police and confessing to the forgery of his father's name on a check for \$400 last September. Perna claims to be the son of a Philadelphia building contractor and a former student of Villa Nova College. He says his father's name is Joseph Perna and that the family home in Philadelphia is at No. 334 North Sixty-fifth street.

"I went to bed," Perna says, "and my mother seemed to stand over me. She didn't say anything. She just pointed her finger at me and her face bore a look of unspeakable contempt. I jumped up and screamed and covered my eyes with my hands. Finally I ran out of doors and walked miles. I knew the vision would come back that night and every night unless I cleared myself in her eyes. So I decided to give myself up."

## IRELAND FACING A GREAT CRISIS

Intense Anxiety Caused In  
England by Present  
Conditions.

## KING GEORGE UNEASY.

Liberal Press Condemns Government  
For Making Overtures to Tory Officials—Cabinet Meeting.

London, March 23.—In the midst of a special cabinet meeting today War Secretary Seely was suddenly called to Buckingham Palace. Colonel Seely left immediately for a conference with King George.

After an extended session with the King, Colonel Seely returned to the cabinet meeting which had been interrupted and which adjourned soon afterward. Colonel Seely is believed to have submitted to the cabinet the King's approval of Seely's statement to be made to the House of Commons this afternoon.

The attention of all England was drawn today toward the situation in the army growing out of the refusal of many officers to serve in Ulster. The threatening disruption of the service had for the time being all but overshadowed the warlike preparations being made to deal with the Unionists and the reports from Belfast of the activities of Sir Edward Carson.

With Field Marshal Sir John French, presiding, a special meeting of the army council was held today. The amazing spectacle of the war office negotiating with recalcitrant Tory officers has thoroughly aroused the liberal press, which roundly scores the government for temporizing with the officers.

The News, in an editorial which is typical of the expression of other liberal papers, demands the dishonorable dismissal of the officers who refuse to serve in Ulster and a drastic reorganization of the army so that it may become "the faithful democratic instrument of a democratic people."

"It is only because we have allowed the army to be officered almost exclusively by wealthy Tories that the idea of bringing the army against Parliament could enter the heads of the Tory oligarchers," the News declares. "That last and most treasonable reaction must be taken from it."

Generals Paget, Gough and Parker were in conference early today with War Secretary Seely.

London, March 23.—Sensational is the only adjective to describe the unprecedented situation caused by the extraordinary development of the Ulster crisis. In spite of all official attempts to minimize the situation there is no doubt about the fact that mutiny has broken out in the British army and that seventy cavalry officers at the Carragh Camp, including General Gough and the colonels of the Fifth and Sixteenth Lancers, have expressed their determination to resign rather than obey the orders to fight in Ulster.

First of all, Premier Asquith was closeted with Colonel Seely, Winston Churchill and Augustine Birrell at Downing street. At 2 o'clock the Archbishop of Canterbury arrived at the prime minister's residence and remained an hour and a half. Besides being head of the Church of England, the Archbishop is in touch with the clergy of the established church in Ireland, many of the clergymen of which are marching and drilling in the ranks of the Ulster Volunteers in the week and holding services and prayer on Sunday for deliverance from home rule.

## IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEAR MOTHER AND WIFE.

LOUISA ZIMMERMAN, who departed  
this life two years ago today,  
March 23, 1912.

A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.  
God in His wisdom has recalled,  
The boon His love had given,  
And though the body slumbers here,  
The soul is safe in Heaven.

HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

## NEW WASHINGTON DAILY.

Anti-Saloon League to Start Newspaper in Capital.

The officials of the Anti-Saloon League of America have announced the installation of a new daily paper to be published at Washington, D. C., whose object it shall be primarily to promote the campaign for national prohibition.

The daily will begin publication on the first day that Congress opens on December next. It will be a cheap, four-page illustrated fighting paper and plans have been matured to give it an immediate circulation of one hundred thousand copies. The price will be only two dollars per year.

The project has been under consideration for some months but the matter was not finally decided upon until a few days ago when three friends of the Anti-Saloon cause staked the project with \$50,000 in cash. Another \$50,000 is already in sight and it is felt there will be no difficulty in raising \$200,000 which is necessary to properly launch the project.

So certain is it that the necessary funds will be forthcoming that already \$40,000 worth of printing machinery has been ordered and paid for and contracts are now being made for much additional equipment.

This movement on the part of the National Anti-Saloon League is partly political. It is the intention of the League to take part especially in Congressional elections all over the nation and see that a Congress is selected that will submit to the States a Prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution in case the present Congress does not take that step. Congressmen who oppose the League or sidestep will be opposed for re-election with all the resources of the League organizations, state and national.

Steps are being taken now to purchase a suitable building site centrally located in Washington upon which a tall building will be erected with sufficient space for the publication and editorial rooms and also with space for the accommodation of the Washington offices of the League. It is expected that a four or five-story building will be necessary to accommodate the business.

## CHAMPIONS TO MEET.

Joe Turner, of Washington, and Joe  
Willis, of Finland, to Wrestle  
Here Wednesday.

The wrestling carnival to be staged at the Opera House Wednesday night under the auspices of the Old Dominion Boat Club, should be one of the greatest affairs of the sort ever undertaken by a local organization; and judging from the interest already being displayed and from the large demand for tickets, a capacity house will await the referee's call of "time" for the first bout. Joe Turner, Washington's popular athlete and champion weight wrestler of the world, will endeavor to defend his title against Joe Willis, middle weight champion of Finland. These two men met some time ago at a "smoker" given by the local oarsmen, and their thirty minute bout will long be remembered as one of the classic events witnessed in this vicinity. In addition to the main bout, several preliminary matches have been arranged.

Pat O'Connor, of Washington, one of the best known sporting men in the country, will referee all of the contests.

## HUSBAND BACK FOR \$1.00.

Wife Pays Money to Woman Who  
Charmed Him Away.

Cincinnati, O., March 23.—Mrs. Julia Stehlein was paid \$1 yesterday when she returned to Mrs. Stella Smith her husband. Mrs. Smith paid the dollar. Mrs. Stehlein wrote out a warrant charging Mrs. Stehlein with a statutory offense. The case came up in police court yesterday.

"For the consideration of 50 cents you will give this woman her husband again, is that correct?" asked the Judge.

"Yes, Judge," replied Mrs. Stehlein. "I will give her \$1, Judge, instead of 50 cents," said Mrs. Smith.

"It looks to me like you are throwing your money away, but I guess the man ought to be worth a dollar," commented the judge. The case was settled when Mrs. Stehlein promised to make the delivery of the man upon the receipt of the \$1. The "delivery" was made today.

## CANNON BELCH TERRIFIC FIRE

The Attack is Conducted  
by Veterans in Villa's  
Service.

## FATE OF TORREON.

Constitutionalist General in Frenzy  
of Excitement—Stops and Instructs  
Privates in Loading.

Constitutionalist Field Headquarters, before Lerdo, Durango, Mexico, March 23.—Simultaneous attacks by Gen. Francisco Villa's constitutionalist troops were in progress today on Lerdo and Goemec Palacio, the two strongly fortified suburbs of Torreon. Up to the fate of these hangs the fate of Torreon itself.

The combined armies of Gen. Tomas Urbina, Rosalio Hernandez, and Trinidad Rodriguez, numbering 5,000 under the personal direction of Villa himself, began the Lerdo assault early today. Several batteries of artillery directed by Generals Angeles and Servin were placed in position and poured a terrific fire into the town during early morning hours.

General Villa was in a frenzy of excitement during the attack, riding about the field fearlessly and encouraging the troops at all points. Several times he was seen to stop and instruct a private soldier in the use of a rifle before resuming his ride.

Meantime, the attack on Gomez Palacio proceeded without interruption. The brigades of General Ortega, Pereyra, and Garcia, with the former in command, conducted this assault. His troops numbered 4,500 men exclusive of the artillery. General Ortega's force constitutes the center of the constitutionalist army, and is made up almost wholly of veterans.

Villa is confident of capturing Lerdo and Gomez Palacio by tonight. His advances from other field commanders, today indicate they have had uniform success, and are closing in rapidly.

General Eugenio Aguirre Benavides reports the towns of Zaragosa and Matamoros were occupied by the Zaragosa brigade yesterday. Gen. Contreras and his Durango brigade are supposed to have opened the attack on Torreon from the southerly end today, although no direct report has been received from him. Gen. Nateras with his brigade and the forces of the Arrieta brothers on the east, are co-operating with Contreras.

Mexico City, March 23.—"The Mexican government has no apology to make for the execution of 149 mutineers at Jojutla," declared General Blanquet, minister of war, today, in discussing the investigation which had been made into the wholesale slaughter ordered by General Castro, following a revolt of his conscripted soldiers.

## VERDICT IS AGAINST BISHOPS.

Legal Control of Vanderbilt University  
Lies With Board of  
Trustees.

Nashville, Tenn., March 23.—The Tennessee Supreme Court has decided that legal control of Vanderbilt University lies with the board of trustees of the institution, not with the College of Bishops of the Southern Methodist church.

Acts of the board, however, are subject to a review by the general conference of the church, or by the church's board of education, the court held.

The court ordered that three contested seats on the board of trustees be awarded to those chosen by the board itself, declaring the Southern Methodist General Conference had acted without authority in making selections for these places.

The decision of the court was based on the promise that Cornelius Vanderbilt, not the Southern Methodist Church, was the founder and original patron of the University.

Under the decision the Southern Methodist College of bishops' veto of acceptance by the board of Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$1,000,000 is without effect.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Lady Maccabees of Alexandria, will give an entertainment tonight in the Young People's Building. "A Darkey Wedding" will be a feature of the program.

The annual inspection of the Alexandria Light Infantry will be made on April 2nd by Captain Arthur M. Ship, U. S. A.

The Alexandria Trades Council will hold an important meeting tonight in their hall in the Alexandria National Bank Building. Committees will be appointed to make arrangements for the annual labor day celebration.

In Police Court today Ernest Groom and John Ervin, two colored boys, who are employed at the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Wharf, were fined \$10 each for stealing two boxes of cigarettes from the freight wharf.

Alexandria Lodge of Elks will hold an important business meeting tonight when arrangements will be made for the installation of the officers of the lodge on April 6th.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock at the Children's Home.

The Rev. W. E. Rollins, of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, addressed the Young Men's meeting at the Westminster Building yesterday afternoon.

C. Shirley Leachman, executor of William H. Peck, has sold to Susan R. Rousseau, a house and lot on the north side of Cameron street, east of Payne.

## WHY SHE SHOT CALMETTE.

Resented "Abominable Campaign Directed Against Her Husband"  
By Figaro.

Paris, March 23.—The committee of the Chamber of Deputies inquiring into the allegations that ministerial influence had been brought to bear to secure the postponement of the trial of Henri Rochette on charges of extensive swindling today heard a number of witnesses.

Madame Caillaux, gowned in black, gave her version of the killing of Gaston Calmette, before Henri Boucard.

Madame Caillaux, in her preliminary examination before Magistrate Henri Boucard today, recounted the motives that induced her to kill Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro. The prisoner was attired in a handsome black gown and astrakhan mantle and carried the same miff in which she concealed the revolver the day of the shooting.

Once during her recital Madame Caillaux gave way to her emotion, at other times she appeared calm and fearless.

Madame Caillaux began with a brief history of her married life. Then she remarked:

"I always took great interest in the public life of my husband, sharing the pleasures and the cares of politics."

The prisoner's recital was suspended temporarily when she began sobbing. On resuming her testimony, she said:

"For two years an abominable campaign was directed against my husband, who was attacked on every occasion, notably on the charge that he had secretly ceded a portion of the French Congo to Germany and in connection with the Agadir incident in Morocco. I was deeply grieved by these calumnies, which became particularly venomous at the time of the formation of the Doumergue cabinet. The feeling of hostility I noticed especially at Reims. My indignation was aroused because I had implicit faith in my husband's probity."

Mme. Caillaux declared that since her girlhood she had been a reader of the Figaro. When it joined the enemies of M. Caillaux in the campaign against him, her indignation was intense.

"On Friday, March 13," she said, "the Figaro published the fragment of a letter signed 'Thy Joe.' That letter, I know, was in the possession of a woman, as well as two other private letters written to me by M. Caillaux before our marriage. I sought counsel for the purpose of having the publication of these letters legally prevented but in vain. All these things preyed on my mind and I determined to put a stop to it."

## DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN LAWYER

Allen Caperton Braxton  
Passes Away at His Home  
In Staunton.

## BRILLIANT CAREER.

Deceased Was Known as Father of  
Corporation Commission Through  
Work in State Convention.

Richmond, March 23.—Allen Caperton Braxton, father of the State Corporation Commission, and author of the chapter on corporations in the Virginia Constitution, died last night at 10:45 o'clock at his home in Staunton, after a long illness, aged fifty-four years. His wife, to whom he was married after his illness became acute; his sister, Mrs. J. S. Horsley, of Richmond, and others were with him at the end. He had been unconscious for the greater part of the time for the past four days, and, in fact, for the past six weeks his case had been regarded by physicians as hopeless.

Mr. Braxton had been in bad health for several years, though he had resolutely declined to give up active work, and continued to meet the demands of a large and varied law practice, being regarded by many as the leader of the profession in this State. In December, 1912, he suffered an attack of Bright's disease, for which he was treated in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, with only temporary benefit. Early last spring he was taken ill again, and after treatment in Baltimore, went to his home in Staunton for a rest of several months, during which period he steadily lost ground, notwithstanding all efforts of his physicians.

In September he was moved to Atlantic City, where he remained several months, and it was while undergoing treatment at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, at Atlantic City, that he married Miss Mary Patterson Miller, daughter of the late Mason Miller, of Staunton, who had since been his constant nurse.

Realizing that his case was hopeless, and that he was nearing his end, his physicians arranged on March 7 for his removal in a private car to his old home in Staunton, where he steadily grew weaker, until the end came last night.

Mr. Braxton is survived by two brothers, Carter Braxton, Commonwealth's Attorney, of Staunton, and Hugh C. Braxton, of Staunton, and by two sisters, Mary, the wife of Judge Henry Holt, of Staunton, and Eliza, the wife of Dr. J. Shelton Horsley, of Richmond. Dr. Horsley visited him last Friday, in Staunton, and found his condition critical. He was then semi-conscious, but during the last day was entirely unconscious.

Allen Caperton Braxton was the son of Dr. Tomlin Braxton and Mrs. Mary Caperton Braxton, of King William County. He was born at Union, Monroe county, W. Va., on February 6, 1862. His mother was the daughter of Allen T. Caperton, United States Senator, from West Virginia, after whom he was named.

## FIERY REIGN ENDS IN DEATH.

With Skin Hanging in Shreds Steel-  
worker Walks to Operation.

Norristown, Pa., March 23.—Joseph Miller, of Conshohocken, died at the hospital here yesterday evening of injuries sustained at the steel plant at Ivy Rock, where a quantity of hot metal was thrown over his body. The skin hung from his body in shreds. Despite his injuries, Miller walked from the stretcher to the operating table.

John Mehan and Augustus Bush, also badly burned, will recover.

Earthquakes lasting nearly seven hours, the longest in many years, were recorded by the seismographs at St. Ignatius College, at Cleveland.